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May Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 990 million pounds of milk during May, up slightly from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 75.2 pounds, unchanged from May 2018. The dairy herd was estimated at 425,000 head for May, up 2,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during May totaled 18.1 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from May 2018. April revised production, at 17.6 billion pounds, was up 0.5 percent from April 2018. The April revision represented an increase of 195 million pounds or 1.1 percent from last month's preliminary 23-State production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,062 pounds for May, 11 pounds above May 2018. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.79 million head, 55,000 head less than May 2018, but 5,000 head more than April 2019.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: May 2017-2019

Commodity	Michigan			24 Selected States		
	2017	2018	2019	2017 ¹	2018	2019
Cows1,000 Hd	427	423	425	8,741	8,848	8,793
Daily rate per cow Pounds	74.7	75.2	75.2	65.6	66.2	66.5
Production Mil lbs	989	986	990	17,790	18,151	18,128

¹ 23 Selected States. Georgia was added beginning in 2018.